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E-CHAUPALS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of IT based knowledge system at panchayat level is likely to help the concept of e-chaupals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of success achieved by e-chaupals in different parts of the country, specially in Andhra Pradesh ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The objective of computerization of Panchayats in the country is to make Government services accessible to the common man in his locality, through common service delivery outlets and ensure efficiency, transparency & reliability of such services at affordable costs to realize the basic needs of the common man. One of the goals of the Government to meet this vision is to integrate information across different departments in the Centre, States and Local Government. The National Policy for Farmers (Para 5.8.2) has also underlined the potential of Information Technologies that would be harnessed by establishing Gyan Chaupals in villages.

(c): Some States have taken lead in e-Governance at Gram Panchayat Level with or without financial assistance of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. The number of such Gram Panchayats is approximately 35000 including those in Andhra Pradesh. Ministry of Panchayati Raj doesn't maintain information on e-Chaupals in different parts of the country.